



Perton Middle School

In Federation with Codsall Community High School and Bilbrook CE (VC) Middle School

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Newsletter July 2019

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. We finish the year exhausted but in a very, very good place. The school's popularity continues to grow within our community. We have a waiting list of students wishing to join Year 5 in September.

We have just received some outstanding SAT results and Perton Middle School continues to be at the forefront of developing teaching and learning across the Federation. I am enormously grateful to Mrs Dudge, the senior leadership team, every single member of teaching and support staff as well as the students for making Perton Middle a brilliant place to be.

We say farewell to teaching staff this term. Mrs Cartledge is leaving us to take up a new role in Queen's Croft High School and Mrs Shepherd will be leaving us to take on a new role at Colton Hills School. They both leave with our gratitude and best wishes for the future. They will be missed by us all.

The summer term means that we get to reflect on the year that has passed and look at what we can be proud of and what we can do to improve still further. There is a lot to be justifiably proud of but we will never be complacent about making things even better and always striving to deliver a world class education for the community we serve.

I'll conclude by wishing everyone a restful, safe and hopefully sunny summer holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



Mr Harding Executive
Headteacher

This term saw a very pleasant first, for my time at Perton Middle School. It was the first group of Y10 students who joined us for work experience that I had known when they were Y8 students. It was a pleasure to see their mature attitude and we really enjoyed working alongside them again. It was clear to see our Proud to be Perton values still shone brightly within them.

Taking our values out into the world was the theme of my address to Y8 at their presentation evening earlier this week. Perton Middle School is a very special community, people who come and look around our school talk to me about our calm and purposeful learning environment, our friendly and smiley pupils and how caring our staff are. As Mr Harding has already said in September we will take our biggest ever Y5 and Y7 intake. In fact we have a waiting list for places.

We are not just breaking records with our admission figures, this year we are very very proud to share our amazing SATs results with you. This year's Year 6 have achieved phenomenal results both collectively and individually.

As the school term draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on what a positive and productive year we have had. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to watch your young people develop day by day. I know I say it often but I am incredibly Proud to be Perton. I am proud of the achievements of our young people in the classroom, on the sports field, in the music arenas. Most of all I am proud of who they are becoming! We couldn't achieve all that we have done this year without the support we receive from you. The very best education is built on a strong partnership between school and home. As a team we are very grateful for your support and we are completely overwhelmed by the kind messages and gifts that have been sent in over the past week.

At the end of this academic year we are saying goodbye to Mrs Cartlidge and Mrs Shepherd. We are very proud of their achievements at Perton Middle School and we wish them all the very best as they set off for new adventures. Our school community will miss them both enormously.

We welcome four new members of staff to our team in September. Mrs Wakeman in Humanities, Mrs McWilliams in Maths and English, Mr McHabe in Science and Mr Oakes in DT. We are looking forward to all they will bring to our team. It just remains for me to wish the children leaving us all the very best for their future education. Take our values out into the world, show people how Proud to be Perton you are. Be the best you can be and be yourself even when that can feel the hardest thing to do. Great things await you and I look forward to hearing of your continued success.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to next September!



Alex Dadge
Headteacher

First Day Absence

It is important on the first day of your child's absence, to call or leave a message before 9:00am with the school reception explaining their absence. Many thanks.



Water bottle

A lot of students are forgetting to bring in a water bottle, please could you remind your child. They can fill up their water bottles at break times and lunch times from the dining room.



School Lunches

Governors have made a decision that the meal charges from September 2019 will now be £2.30.

Lost Property

A gentle reminder about lost property. We are still having a large amount of lost property in school, could you please make sure that all clothing including coats and general items are labelled clearly with name tags, as this helps greatly with the return of items to the rightful owner.



School Start Time

Reminder that the first bell in the morning goes at 8.35am and all students are expected to be on the premises ready for the second bell at 8.40am which is registration time. There is also concern that some pupils are arriving very late at school, often after the morning bell has gone.



You will appreciate that it is important for all children to arrive at school by the designated time and we would appreciate your help in ensuring punctuality in the future.

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In line with safeguarding procedures, please inform the school of any changes to your child's emergency contact details. Follow our social media page to keep up to date with school news and events.



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Music

Thursday 20th June was a busy day in the Music department! In the morning Year 6 students went to see and hear the BBC Concert Orchestra at Dudley Town Hall and take part in some of the BBC Ten Piece repertoire. Students enjoyed performing the specially commissioned piece by composer Anna Meredith.

On returning to school many students were involved in rehearsals for the Summer Concert which began at 6pm in the school hall. There were performance by the choir, little big band, class brass, guitar group as well as some solo items performed by students from the High School. A thoroughly enjoyable evening!

This term we say good bye to Mrs Butterworth and Mr Wiltshire who have been running class brass at Perton Middle School for the past two years and have been teaching class brass at Perton First School for many years more. Over the years they have passed on their considerable instrumental skills to lots of students and have put many more through music examinations with great success. We will miss them but wish them both a very long and happy retirement!

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

We have been notified by Staffordshire County Council that due to the retirement of the School Crossing Patrol Warden for Gainsborough Drive there is now a vacancy. If you are interested or you are aware of anyone else who may be please go online at <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/53055/school-crossing-patrol/> and complete the application form.

As there is no relief crossing patrol now available unfortunately if this vacancy is unfilled then the crossing point at Gainsborough will no longer be serviced.

Summer Activities

This summer, children living in Perton are eligible to attend activities that have been organised by Perton Parish Council. To find out more go to www.sstaffs.gov.uk/outandabout

Codsall Leisure Centre are also providing Active Camps every weekday during the summer school holiday for children aged 4-14. More details can be found on this at <https://www.aspire-sports.co.uk/active-camps>

Additionally, children can access discounted weekly swimming passes, and passes to other facility areas at Codsall Leisure Centre, which are on offer as part of The Space Scheme. To find out more visit www.sstaffs.gov.uk/space

School Uniform

If you are thinking of replacing any school uniform, please look at the photos below or the school website for guidance. Skirts should rest on the knee (not be tube style) and we do not allow trainers or skinny trousers. Many thanks for your support.

Boy's School Uniform



**Girl's School Uniform
(With Trousers)**



**Girl's School Uniform
(Jumper with Skirt)**



**Girl's School Uniform
(Blazer with Skirt)**



Letters

Often students will forget to pass on letters to parents, so we advise you to check the website regularly:
www.pertonmiddle.com



Year 8 Leavers Presentation

We celebrated the many successes of our Year 8 students.

The event intended to mark the four years spent at Perton Middle School with the presentation of a year book, donated by the school to each leaver.

There were also formal presentations of awards to pupils as well as some musical items and dance.

It was a wonderful evening ending with a disco.

Good luck to all year 8 students and thank you to parents/carers for your support.

Proud to be Perton

Year 7 and 8 intrepid explorers embarked on an adventure to Paris.

During their visit, they experimented with their French at a local market, tackled the 600 steps up the Eiffel Tower, took a relaxing boat ride along the river Seine and not forgetting spotting the infamous Cloud factory! The highlight for most was the day trip to Disneyland Paris.

The students were impressed with the accommodation, which was a château set in 70 acres of stunning grounds. Even the food got a thumbs up! Well, apart from the snails, which they were encouraged to try on the last evening.

We arrived back late, with many students not wanting to come home. All students were excellent ambassadors for our school-their good nature and impeccable manners really made everyone 'Proud to be Perton' and the visit was a resounding success.

PE and Sport Summer 2019 - Newsletter

It has been one very busy Summer Term. The lessons have included athletics, cricket, rounders and tennis. As well as the planning and rescheduling of numerous sports fixtures and the introduction of the PMS dance show. So here goes ...

Cross country

Week one of the summer term saw the rescheduling of the year 5 and 6 cross country running at Perton. Once again raining, but this time without the icy winter temperatures. A team event saw Perton be successful at all classifications beating Codsall Middle who were a very close second. Unfortunately, we did not make it to the next round due to the Chase Water trip and then the schools forced closure due to a burst water pipe.

Athletics

There have been numerous trips to Aldersley stadium with Year 7 and 8 students to compete in the Cannock and District School Athletics League and Championships. We fielded full teams of runners, throwers and jumpers with many athletes making it to the podium. A handful received invitations to represent the district in the county championships at Tamworth which is a great achievement.

Tri golf

School Sports Games at Codsall High ran a key stage 2 mixed tri golf competition, this is aimed to promote the sport of golf with the next generation. Perton won the event, which qualified us for the School Sports Games Final at Keele University. This event is a one day sports festival, with an opening ceremony and podiums on the stage. Well done to all the pupils who played on the team.

Cricket

Our Year 6 girls were introduced to competitive cricket through the School Sports Games at Himley Cricket Club. All team members played very well, improving their skills, tactics and strategies. The team spirit was excellent and we came joint 2nd. Well done girls.

The year 6 boys played at Himley C.C. in round 1 and won. Then round two at Brewood C.C, where a number of balls ended up in, and over the hedge! A little nerve racking at times but victors once again. The County finals were at FordHouses C.C. The boys made it to the final and came second to Wolverhampton Grammar. This is a fantastic achievement to be second in the whole of the Staffordshire County.

Netball World Cup

This year Liverpool are hosting the Netball World Cup. We are joining up with Codsall High School to make the journey up north for the opening day. Unfortunately, this does clash with the key stage 3 trip to Paris. However, the tickets were a sell-out back in the Autumn so we are very lucky to have the opportunity. Many thanks to Mrs Shillingford at the high school for inviting us join the High School.

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Rounder's

Previously the qualifying matches had been rained off which left the Sports Games rounder's qualifier between Perton and Codsall Middle. This time we came second to our nearest revivals. A well spirited match and progress was made all round.

Sports leaders and house captains

Our sports leaders have been busy supporting and running the year 3 & 4 and year 5 & 6 cross country, Year 3 & 4 athletics events and supporting the St Chads sports day. On all occasions they have done themselves and Perton proud supporting, leading and encouraging all athletes.

Team photo's

Mrs Prior and Miss Walleth did a fantastic job in organising the year 8 leavers photos and numerous team photo's which are available for purchase. Thank you, to you both. I know our students will treasure these mementoes of sporting days at Perton.

Dance show

This year we hosted the first ever Perton Middle School Dance Show. Over the past year our students have been dancing and cheer leading with Georgie Keys after school. The show had approximately 16 performances, some of which were choreographed by the students themselves. This was a well-supported event making it very special for our performers, some of which have never danced in front of an audience before and were very nervous. Our thanks go out to Georgie Keys for all her time and effort throughout the year, not just in after school clubs but also during the delivery of dance within the school PE curriculum.



Year 6 girls cricket



Year 5 and 6 boys cricket



County finalist runners up
to Wolverhampton grammar

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Sports Day

This year we are trialing a different sports day system. All students have had the opportunity to enter three events (2 track: 1 field or vice a versa). We then set up a qualifying competition. Four hours for key stage 2 and three hours for key stage 3. The results were then processed and the results ranked in age and gender. The quickest track times then qualified to be running on sports day. Unfortunately, the field events went to a straight final and will not be on show during sports day. All students have been informed and the finalists received a letter to take home to parents.

The house relay team have been the responsibility of the house captains and will run on the day. The programme is set and athletes ready to go. Unfortunately, due to the poor summer weather and unpredictability of the British summer we have been forced to postpone the final event until the last week. Please check the website.

World Cup Sport

Just a small point - I am sure you are well aware that the England Lionesses are showing the world how to play football. However, if you look a little further this year we have World cups in Netball, U21 football, U21 rugby, men's and women's hockey and women's and men's cricket, and many more.

If your child is successful in sport or is taking part in a lesser known activity, please let us know.

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Library

One small step for year 5, one giant leap for reading!
Children from Year 5 were visited by Perton's very own
Library Astronaut, Matt.

He came to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge Space Chase.

Year 5 had a chance to see the special mission folder with its
stickers and are now ready for blast off.
6 weeks, 6 books - easy-peasy!

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

spacechase.org.uk

Our local library staff have been telling the children how to take part in **Space Chase**, the Summer Reading Challenge 2019.

All they have to do is read six library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting special incentives along the way.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up to see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading skills and confidence.

We will be celebrating all children who take part at the beginning of the new school year.

It's FUN!
It's FREE!
It's LOCAL!

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Year 6 Visit to Chasewater

Year 6 had a fantastic time at our annual visit to Chasewater Outdoor Education Centre. Whether it was sailing on the lake, firing arrows in archery, using global positioning satellites to find hidden objects or climbing on the tower, the atmosphere was electric. The weather was certainly on our side.

Everyone had a wonderful time.



Westminster

We are so proud of Alex and Connor who represented the school at the 'Solutions for the Planet' national final, receiving a highly commended award. The boys travelled down to Westminster and presented their 'big idea' to a number of peers, business representatives and MPs.



School Council

A huge thank you to our school council who have worked really hard this year ensuring that the views of students are represented in the running of our school. Their ideas and contributions really have made a difference to school life!

Dates for your Diary.

Dates correct at time of going to print— latest information is shown on the website.

Break up for the Summer Holidays	19th July 2019
Staff Training day	2nd September 2019
Students and staff return to school	3rd September 2019
Year 8 RAF Assembly	18th September 2019
Midphoto in school for Year 5 and Year 7 Individual Photographs	18th September 2019
Y5 Settling In Evening 6:00 - 8:00pm	19th September 2019
Staff Training Day	27th September 2019
Perton Open Evening 6:00 - 8:00pm	3rd October 2019
Break up for half term	28th October 2019
Students and staff return to school	2nd November 2019



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